SUBJECT No. 131.

A State-aided Life Insurance Company in Mysore.

Mr. B. V. Narayana Rao, Hosdurga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Many Life Insurance Companies outside the State derive much benefit through their agents who go about canvassing all over the State inducing people to insure their lives. It is prayed that a State-aided Life Insurance Company may be established in Mysore for the benefit of the people of the State.

Reply of Government.— Making State Life Insurance open to the public is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 132.

Travelling allowance to officers.

Mr. Bhima Rao, Chitaldrug municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The ordinary travelling allowance given to an officer or an official in superior service under the rules on the occasion of his transfer from one place to another in the interests of public service is found to be quite inadequate and does not ordinarily cover even a fraction of the actual expenses incurred by him as he has to quit the place finally, bag and baggage. It is prayed that actual expenses not exceeding a scale to be laid down be passed for journeys on transfer in the interests of public service.

Reply of Government.—Specific cases may be brought to the notice of the Comptroller.

SUBJECT No. 133.

Malnad allowance.

Messrs. Yagaiyana Krishnappa and A. Narasimhiengar, Sagar taluk, and B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Malnad allowances may be granted to officials of the same rank of all departments in the malnad taluks just as in the case of officials of the Revenue Department.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 134.

Encouragement to district officials.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 135.

Withdrawal of share amounts from Joint Stock Companies.

Messrs. Volahatti Devappa, Gundlupet taluk, and Chendrasekhariah, Nanjangud taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Till very recently the Joint Stock Companies in the State allowed the share-holders to withdraw part or whole of the share amount. Circular No. 449-509, dated 27th February 1914, from the office of the Registrar has been issued notifying that all such companies should cancel the special provision which enabled the share-holders to withdraw their shares, but this is quite against law as was made clear by the decision of the Chief Court in the case—Venkataramanaswami Bank *versus* V. Ramakrishnappa. This has produced fear in the minds of share-holders and the business of banks is slackened to the detriment of their interest. It is therefore prayed that the circular be cancelled and the old system revived.

Mr. M. C. Rangiengar said that companies had prior to 1895 authority to pay up the share amount and that such companies registered before 1895 should be specially exempted from the operation of the circular issued by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration with reference to the Act of 1866.

SUBJECT No. 136.

House-building advance.

Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the house-building advance of one year's pay to low paid Government servants is not enough to cover the cost of even the mere foundation and as borrowing to supplement the advance may deprive them of their other properties also, it is requested that Government may build houses for them and recover the cost in easy instalments.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible. The present rules are sufficiently liberal.

SUBJECT No. 137.

Mussalman co-operative inspectors.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—A Mahomedan Inspector and Mahomedan Honorary Organisers may be appointed to popularize the advantages of the Co-operative system.

Reply of Government.—If a suitable Mahomedan graduate applies to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, his appointment as a co-operative inspector will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 138.

Account texts in Kannada.

Mr. Kacharkahalli Subbanna, Bangalore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Except the Taluk Treasury Manual, the other Account text-books are not available in Kannada. These may be translated into Kannada to enable those who do not possess sufficient knowledge of English to pass the examination in Kannada.

Reply of Government.—The Taluk Treasury Manual and the Municipal Account Manual have been translated into Kannada. The question of translating the Mysore Service Regulations and the Mysore Treasury Manual is under consideration.

EXCISE.

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SUBJECT No. 139.

Amendment of Excise Rules.

Mr. D. Srikanta Rao, Devanhalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Excise Rules may be so modified as not to make the contractors liable for the faults of the vendors. The proposer added that the contractor should be held liable only for the payment of Government money, etc., and not for keeping the shop unclean or the vessels untidy and similar acts of the vendors.

Mr. Ramachar supporting the proposition said that the relation between the contractor and the vendor was similar to that between master and servant and that it was not proper to make the former criminally liable for the acts of the latter.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao pointed out that till recently only the contractor was liable and the rules were since